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Reply To  
Attn Of: OWW-130

Mr. Doug Mecum  
Acting Regional Administrator  
National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
709 West 9th, P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

RE: Endangered Species List for the Point Woronzof area of the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet near the discharge from the Municipality of Anchorage John M. Asplund Water Pollution Control Facility; NPDES Permit No. AK-002255-1

Dear Mr. Mecum:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is beginning work on the draft CWA Section 301(h) determination and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit reissuance for the above referenced facility. In 2000, during the reissuance of the current permit, EPA determined that the discharge authorized by the permit would not adversely impact any threatened or endangered species or critical habitat listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. This determination was based on the document titled "Biological Evaluation of Site-specific Water Quality Criteria for the Point Woronzof Area of the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet and Reissuance of the Asplund Water Pollution Control Facility NPDES Permit." EPA also determined that the issuance of the permit was not likely to adversely affect any EFH in the vicinity of the discharge. A letter dated June 19, 2000, from James Balsiger, NMFS, to Sally Brough, EPA, concurred with EPA's determinations.

We are aware that the Cook Inlet beluga whales have recently been listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. We would appreciate it if you could provide us with a list of any additional threatened or endangered species or essential fish habitat at the specific location of the discharge, which is described below:

Municipality of Anchorage John M. Asplund Water Pollution Control Facility

Type of facility: Primary wastewater treatment plant with a CWA Section 301(h) waiver from secondary treatment

Receiving Waters: Knik Arm of Cook Inlet, Point Woronzof

Location of Facility and Outfall: Anchorage, Alaska

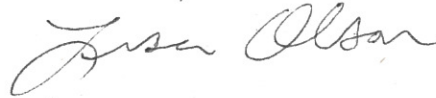
Latitude: 61° 12' 22.5" N

Longitude: 150° 01' 8.7" W

Discharge: Primary municipal wastewater treatment with Significant Industrial User (SIU) input and a pretreatment program; annual average daily flow rate 29.2 million gallons per day (mgd, 2004), design flow rate 58 mgd

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me at (206) 553-0176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Olson".

Lisa Olson  
NPDES Permits

cc: Brad Smith, NOAA NMFS, Anchorage